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SUBJ: NIMEIRI CONDEMNS USSR, CUBA ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA AGAIN

1. NIMEIRI HAS ONCE AGAIN IN THE CLEAREST TERMS POSSIBLE WARNED THE SOVIETS TO GET OUT OF AFRICA AND TO TAKE THE CUBANS WITH THEM. HE OFFERED PUBLICLY TO MEDIATE BETWEEN EPMG AND SOMALIA AS WELL AS BETWEEN EPMG AND ERITREANS. HOWEVER, NIMEIRI WAS ADAMANT THAT THE SOVIETS AND CUBANS WOULD HAVE TO LEAVE BEFORE PEACE COULD BE RESTORED IN AFRICA.

2. NIMEIRI GAVE SPEECH IN DAMAZIN, BLUE NILE PROVINCE, MARCH 3 DURING NATIONAL UNITY DAY CEREMONIES MARKING ANNIVERSARY OF PEACE AGREEMENT BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH SUDAN. IN REVIEWING HISTORY OF STRUGGLE AGAINST
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ENEMIES FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC, NIMEIRI CHOSE TO CITE ONLY JULY 1971 COMMUNIST COUP ATTEMPT AND INDICATED THAT "VICTORY IN JULY 1971 WAS LEAD-THROUGH TO OUR VICTORY IN MARCH 1972" WHEN CIVIL WAR WAS ENDED BY PEACE AGREEMENT. NIMEIRI STATED THAT UNITY AND PROGRESS OF ALL AFRICAN PEOPLES ARE CONDITIONAL ON WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN POWERS. "PENETRATION THROUGH ALIEN AND FOREIGN

THOUGHT, SUBJUGATION BY MEANS OF IMPORTED IDEOLOGIES, BLOODSHED AND KILLING OF INNOCENT PEOPLE AND MISUSE OF CAPABILITIES" WILL NEVER BRING PEACE. HE CONDEMNED PROVISION OF FIGHTER PLANES, TANKS AND MISSILES BY SOVIET UNION.

3. NIMEIRI POINTED OUT THAT SUDAN IS COMMITTED AS FOUNDING MEMBER OF OAU, IS "GOVERNED BY INTERMINGLING OF ITS NATIONAL TERRITORY WITH AFLAMED REGIONS OF CONFLICT," AND IS DIRECTLY THREATENED BY FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN HORN OF AFRICA. THEREFORE SUDAN PUTS ALL RESOURCES AT SERVICE OF AFRICAN PEACE AND STABILITY. FIRST STEP TOWARDS PEACE IS TO "END SOVIET EXISTENCE ON AFRICAN CONTINENT" AND TO WITHDRAW ALL CUBAN AND SATELLITE TROOPS. NIMEIRI WARNED USSR THAT FRIENDSHIP AND PEACE CANNOT BE OBTAINED THROUGH SUBJUGATION AND FOREIGN INVASION.

4. COMMENT: DAMAZIN IS CLOSE TO ETHIOPIAN BORDER AND NATURAL PLACE FOR NIMEIRI'S ANTI-SOVIET REMARKS. HOWEVER HE MAKES FEW PUBLIC SPEECHES NOW WITHOUT CONCLUDING WITH WARNINGS ABOUT SOVIET AND SATELLITE ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA AND CANDIDLY LINKS HIS CONCERNS TO DOMESTIC SUDANESE STABILITY, CONTINUING TO REGARD MOSCOW-LED COMMUNISTS AS HIS MOST DANGEROUS LOCAL OPPONENTS. BERGUS
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